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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the attached report which was addressed to me on 3 October 1994 by the Co-Chairmen of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, concerning the operations of the International Conference's Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). This report by the Co-Chairmen contains the certification referred to in Security Council resolution 943 (1994).

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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Annex

Operations of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

Report of the Co-Chairmen of the Steering Committee

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report is submitted in follow-up to the earlier report transmitted to the Security Council on 19 September 1994 (S/1994/1074). Paragraph 5 of that report referred to the measures ordered by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) on 4 August 1994, and its commitment to close its border "for all transport towards the Republica Srpska, except food, clothing and medicine".

II. ORGANIZATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF MISSION

2. The terms of reference of the Mission are spelled out in detail in the above-mentioned report (S/1994/1074), paragraph 15, and in particular point 5. As at 3 October 1994, 93 international members of the Mission have been deployed within the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). They come from the following countries: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America. The Mission and the Co-Chairmen are actively in contact with several countries and it is expected that by the middle of this week 105 international personnel will have been deployed. There are confirmed promises of another 56 persons, who are expected to arrive within the next 10 days. There are also further promises of an additional 10. As at 3 October, the Mission had 36 teams operating from Banja Koviljaca, Zlatibor, Niksic and Belgrade.

3. The Mission has persons at the packing depots in Belgrade for humanitarian aid and at the borders, where procedures have been agreed with the federal customs authorities. As far as transit traffic to the Republic of Croatia is concerned, agreements have been made covering customs documentation and the sealing of load-carrying vehicles to reduce the obvious risk of a diversion of supplies to the Bosnian Serbs. The Mission has made visits to all parts of the border between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Bosnia and Herzegovina, including, in the last few days, those areas reserved for the military, and has covered all significant roads crossing the border by day and night.

III. CERTIFICATION

4. Based on the Mission's on-site observation, on the advice of the Mission Coordinator, Mr. Bo Pellnäs, and in the absence of any contrary information from the air, whether airborne reconnaissance system of the North Atlantic Treaty

Organization (NATO), or from national technical means, the Co-Chairmen conclude that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) is meeting its commitment to close the border between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina under the control of the Bosnian Serb forces.